

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY
OF CCC CELEBRATED
AT BEAR RIVER CAMP

U. S. BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
CONGRATULATES BOYS
on "GOOD JOB".

C. C. C. boys doing development work on the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge at Brigham, Utah, have done a good job, says Ira H. Gabrielson, Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey in congratulating the boys on the fourth anniversary of the C. C. C.

The Bear River Camp is celebrating the anniversary today (April 4) with an open house for visitors. A special program has been arranged for the day and maps, charts, and pictures explaining the aims and accomplishments of the C. C. C. will be shown. Foreman of the camp will be on hand to conduct visitors and explain the work in progress.

C. C. C. boys on 17 wildlife refuges are contributing man-power for the Biological Survey's nation-wide refuge program, says Chief Gabrielson. They are doing two important things, making the areas more attractive to the birds and other wildlife--and making the refuges easier to administer.

One of these areas, the Bear River Refuge, was established by an Act of Congress on April 23, 1928, as a sanctuary for wild ducks, geese, coots, shorebirds, pelicans, ibises, pheasants, beavers, muskrats, and other wild species. The refuge includes 64,316 acres and the number of ducks and geese frequenting this area in recent years has been outstanding in comparison with the waterfowl supply over the country.

The C. C. C. boys' accomplishments makes wildlife feel at home at the Bear River Refuge, says Chief Gabrielson. From October 15, 1934 to March 1, 1937 the boys have built two vehicle bridges, two foot bridges, a garage, a lookout tower, a shelter and six other buildings, erected 5,683 rods of fence, and excavated 56,818 cubic yards of earth for levees, dikes, and jetties, and 26,665 cubic yards for cribbing and fill. The boys also have constructed 10 miles of telephone lines, 2 miles of truck trails, and 2 miles of foot trails. A total of 1,034,885 square yards of stream and lake banks were given protection; 47,152 cubic yards of earth were excavated in improving channels and canals, and 54,350 square yards of road slopes improved.

Other work that has been done included the moving and planting of 6,000 trees and shrubs, improvement of 16,645 square yards of land around headquarters for parking areas, collection of 12,000 pounds of seeds of plants that produce food for wildlife; marking 16 miles of refuge boundary; and four miles of stream improvement. The boys also seeded and planted 56 acres in food and cover plants for wildlife and performed many other tasks necessary for the development of the refuge.

"This work", says Dr. Gabrielson, "is part of the restoration of our American wildlife, an invaluable resource of great benefit to all Americans. The next time you see a wedge of wild geese or a flock of wild ducks overhead you can say to yourself, 'Well, it may be that these birds are up there because the C. C. C. boys have been doing a good job down at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge'."
